

# **NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

## **Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs**

### **Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women**

#### **Visitation**

When: Saturday

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

At the center, we view visitation as a PRIVILEGE earned through continuous constructive participation in the treatment program and adherence to program rules. In general, each offender will be allowed THREE guests on campus at any given time. However, we recognize the importance of healthy family systems in recovery, and exceptions may be made for additional children of the offender, when to do so contributes to the program goals of the offender.

In an effort to insure the safety of each participant, all visitors must adhere to the policies and procedures of the center while on the grounds. Violations may result in the visitor being asked to leave the grounds, with the possibility of future visitation exclusion. Staff reserve the right to suspend visitation activity at any time, and may search any item brought on the grounds.

- Initial visitation may be allowed THREE weeks after arrival.
- All names of requested visitors must be provided to the center at least ten days in advance of any visitation. Appropriate staff will review custody orders, offender registries, and court records. We will abide by all applicable prohibitions established by appropriate agencies, to include the criminal justice system and/or the Department of Social Services, in determining appropriateness of visitors.
- Persons in the following categories will not be allowed to visit:
  - a) On active probation, or released from probation within the last six months
  - b) Pending legal charges
  - c) Released from incarceration within the last six months
  - d) Registered as a sex offender
- After the initial waiting period, weekly visitation may be allowed; visitation per DPS policy will not occur on holidays.
- "Acknowledgement of Confidentiality" registers will be signed by each adult visitor, along with a sign-in list at the door for all visitors.
- Appropriate areas will be established for visitation. Staff will provide overall supervision of visitation activity. Adult visitors and the offender will be responsible for the supervision of the children who visit.
- No food or beverage from outside the facility will be allowed during visitation, without prior approval.
- Special visitation arrangements may be considered per staff review and approval.
- All visitors will adhere to the dress code of the facility, as discussed with each offender upon orientation into the program. Visitors may not be "under the influence" of drugs/alcohol. Buildings and grounds are "smoke free" zones.